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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/423,619	Applicant(s) Selter
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 26

Identification of prior art discussed:

Pendergast, US patent No. 4,633,877.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Structure of cushioned layers as claimed in claim 26 was discussed. Examiner noted that Pendergast teaches cushioned layers, as claimed in claim 26, as do Fenton and Alianello. Examiner indicated that the clinical studies papers submitted by the Applicant were considered, but were not given as much weight as the distinct structural limitations in the claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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